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EXTRA NATURAL GAS EXPORTS TO THE UNITED STATES

THE TORONTO STAR'S LEAD EDITORIAL AUGUST 3 "A WISE WAY TO BUILD
A PIPELINE" PRAISES THE LYSYK REPORT, CALLS FOR CLEAR NATURAL
GAS SUPPLY PLANS AND SUGGESTS THAT CANADA SHOULD PROVIDE
EXTRA NATURAL GAS TO THE UNITED STATES NOW TO TAKE THE
PRESSURE OFF THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION TO BUILD A TANKER-
RELATED ROUTE. THE ENTIRE EDITORIAL IS AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: DEAN KENNETH LYSYK HAS GIVEN CANADIANS A USEFUL
CHECK LIST OF WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE BEFORE A PIPELINE CARRYING
NORTHERN NATURAL GAS IS BUILT.

HE SAYS IN HIS REPORT TO THE GOVERNMENT THAT IT IS
FEASIBLE TO BUILD A PIPELINE TO CARRY U.S. GAS FROM ALASKA
AND CANADIAN GAS FROM THE MACKENZIE DELTA. BUT HE WANTS
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MAKES SENSE, BUT THREE CRUCIAL STEPS HAVE TO BE TAKEN:

-- CANADA SHOULD OFFER EXTRA NATURAL GAS TO THE
U.S. NOW, TO BE RETURNED ONCE THE PIPELINE IS BUILT.
SUCH A SWAP WOULD TAKE THE PRESSURE OFF THE CARTER
ADMINISTRATION TO BUILD A TANKER-RELATED ROUTE NOW
THROUGH ALASKA, WHICH WOULD CARRY ONLY U.S. GA. CANADIANS

WILL SANE ON GAS COSTS IF THE TWO COUNTRIES CAN CO-OPERATE
ON A SINGLE PIPELINE PROJECT.

-- WE STILL DON'T KNOW WHETHER THE PROPOSED ROUTE
THROUGH THE YUKON, FROM ALASKA, CAN BE LINKED UP WITH
CANADIAN GAS RESERVES IN THE MACKENZIE DELTA. SO THE DELAY
WOULD PROVIDE TIME TO DETERMINE THE BEST CONSTRUCTION
APPROACH. THAT RESEARCH SHOULD BE CARRIED OUT AS QUICKLY
AS POSSIBLE.

-- WORK SHOULD BEGIN IMMEDIATELY ON SETTling NATIVE
LAND CLAIMS IN THE YUKON, WHILE REMAINING ENVIRONMENTAL
QUESTIONS SHOULD BE RESOLVED. THIS WILL ENSURE SMOOTH
CONSTRUCTION ONCE THE PIPELINE IS BEGUN.

LYSYK, DEAN OF THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
LAW SCHOOL, HAS BROUGHT A GREAT DEAL OF COMMON SENSE TO HIS
REPORT.

HIS PROPOSAL FOR A SPECIAL MONITORING AGENCY ON THE

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HIS CALL FOR AN IMMEDIAT FEDERAL PAYMENT
TO THE NATIVES OF DOLS 50 MILLION, AS AN ADVANCE ON NATIVE
LAND CLAIM SETTLEMENTS, WOULD BE AN ACT OF GOOD FAITH
THAT SHOULD MAKE NEGOTIATIONS EASIER.

AND HIS PROPOSAL FOR A DOLS 200 MILLION YUKON HERITAGE
FUND, TO BE PAID BY THE PIPELINE COMPANIES, WOULD HELP
OFFSET THE HARMFUL SOCIAL IMPACT OF TH PIPELINE ON LOCAL
COMMUNITIEIS.

MORE IS RIDING ON THE NORTHERN PIPELINE THAN THE
PROJECT ITSELF. IF IT ISN'T DONE PROPERLY IT WILL
SEVERELY SET BACK DEVELOPMENT OF OTHER CRITICAL RESOURCES IN
THE FAR NORTH FOR DECADES. PROPERLY CARRIED OUT, DISTRUST
AND CONCERN WILL BE LOWER FOR THE PROJECTS THAT FOLLOW.

TO BE SURE, THE PROPOSED PIPELINE REMAINS TO A LARGE
EXTENT A LAND BRIDGE TO BRING ALASKA GAS TO U.S. .-4(35 .

BUT, IF THE NATIONAL ENERGY BOARD'S RECENT REPORT ON NORTHERN PIPELINES IS TO BE ACCEPTED, THEN CANADA ITSELF WILL NEED NEW SOURCES OF NATURAL GAS IN THE FIRST HALF OF THE 1980S.

WHEN PARLIAMENT MEETS FOR A SPICAL TWO-DAY DEBATE THIS WEEK ON NORTHERN PIPELINES IT SHOULD MAKE SURE THAT CANADA'S ENERGY POLICIES CAN GUARANTEE THERE WON'T BE A NATURAL GAS SHORTAGE HERE AT SOME FUTURE DATE. THAT MEANS HAVING A CLEAR PLAN TO SUPPLY GAS FROM NEW NORTHERN SOURCES BY 1985 TO OFFSETT DECLINING RESERVES IN WESTERN CANADA. UNQUOTE.
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